

Mission

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is to provide female mentors the opportunity to guide, assist and work with young girls on an individual basis toward development of their self-esteem, academic excellence, career goals and hopes for the future.



Angels

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unaware of the heights
they are able to soar.*



Franklin County Children Services
Malaika Program
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Reach

Reaching back...



Lift

Lifting up

Reaching back...Lifting up



Malaika, a Swahili term meaning “Angel,” is an Africentric mentoring program that matches African American girls (ages 5-18) under the care of Franklin County Children Services with African American women for friendship, support and guidance. Ongoing culturally based activities are provided for both mentor and child.



Requirements

Malaika recruits African American women who are at least 18 years old, preferably with an automobile, valid driver’s license and liability insurance. All Malaika mentors must complete the application process and a two-hour orientation.

...on the Wings of Angels

As parents, mentors and role models, we find ourselves competing against the influences of drugs, sexual irresponsibility and violence in the lives of our children. Malaika is committed to affirming the positive aspects of childhood while easing the transition to womanhood.

Through Malaika, we offer women in our community the chance to *reach back and lift up* angels who are often unaware of the heights to which they are able to soar.



Expectations

Upon completion of the application process, the mentor and Malaika coordinator mutually select the child with whom the mentor is to be matched. Once matched, the mentor is asked to maintain a consistent relationship with the child for a minimum of 6 - 12 months, with two face-to-face contacts per month.

Dreams Can Come True

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